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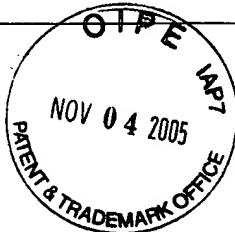
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 4, 2005, for which a response was due on August 4, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 4, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.